

RESPONSE UNDER 37CFR1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1712

PATENTS

Navy Case No. 82,222

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Usman A.K. Sorathia

Serial No. 09/822,308

Filed: March 29, 2001

: Group Art Unit: 1712

: Examiner: Michael J. Feely

For: FIREPROOF PROTECTION INTEGRATING: Confirmation No. 7684  
FABRICATION SYSTEM FOR COMPOSITE  
STRUCTURES

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to a new Final Office action dated Sept. 16, 2002, amendment of the above entitled application is now proposed as follows under 37 U.S.C. 1.116.

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

TO THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 2, 9, 12, 13 and 16 as follows:

2. A process of forming a composite structure by applying a barrier to an underlying substrate during fabrication, including the steps of: introducing a fire resisting agent to the barrier after formation thereof; and attaching the barrier to the substrate before completing the fabrication of the composite structure; said step of introducing the fire resisting agent comprising: in-situ infusion of the agent into the barrier during said fabrication of the composite structure.

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